

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-13 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over GB 2,037,392 in view of Ellingson US 7,021,510. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The current application has an effective filing date of 14 July 2003. Attached, as Appendix A, is a copy of the filing receipt showing that the current application was filed (23 February 2004) well within 12 months from the priority date (14 July 2003). Attached, as Appendix B, is a copy of the combined declaration that claims priority back to 14 July 2003. Attached, as Appendix C, is a copy of the post card from PTO confirming receipt on 11 March 2004 of the certified copy of the corresponding Swedish priority document. Also, PRIVATE PAIR list the receipt of the "Certified Copy of Foreign Priority Application" on 11 March 2004. The priority document was thus properly and timely filed. Therefore, the effective date of the current application is 13 July 2003.

Ellingson has an effective filing date of 12 February 2004. The effective filing date of the current application (13 July 2003) is prior to the effective date of Ellingson (12 February 2004). Therefore, Ellingson is not prior art and cannot be cited.

In view of the fact that Ellingson is not prior art, all claims 1-13 are submitted to be allowable over the cited

references.

Claim 4 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over GP '392 in view of Ellingson as applied to claims 1-2 above and further in view of Noda. This rejection is  
5 respectfully traversed because Ellingson is not prior art (as explain above).

Claims 8-12 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over GP '392 in view of Ellingson as applied to claims 1-2 above and further in view of Taitel. This rejection is  
10 respectfully traversed because Ellingson is not prior art (as explain above).

The application is now submitted to be in condition  
for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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